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William T. Fujioka

Chief Executive Officer

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT ENERGY AND FLEET GRANT APPLICATION GUIDANCE

Yesterday the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) released the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding allocations for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECB) program that includes an estimated allocation of \$15.4 million for the County of Los Angeles. The EECB funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other eligible activities include projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, and upgrades to heating and cooling systems.

In order to maximize the effectiveness of this funding allocation, the Internal Services Department (ISD) is designated as the lead department for the County of Los Angeles for the EECB grant. All Departments are instructed **not** to apply individually for grants from this allocation; only one master grant application will be submitted on behalf of the County by ISD. Please contact Howard Choy at (323) 881-3939 or by email at hchoy@isd.lacounty.gov to submit EECB ideas for inclusion in the County grant application.

In addition to the EECB grant, ISD is also designated as the lead County agency for all fleet related grants and will be submitting one grant application on behalf of the County for ARRA fleet funding. ISD is working closely with the Public Works, Sheriff and Fire Departments to complete the County's fleet grant application(s). At this time, not all

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fleet related grants have been opened for grant applications but are expected to do so in the near future. Grants that have been identified are Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program, Transportation Electrification and EPA Diesel Emission Reduction Act Grants. All Departments are instructed **not** to apply individually for any ARRA fleet related grants. Please contact Marie Nunez, ISD Fleet Coordinator at (323) 267-2492 or by email at mnunez@isd.lacounty.gov for information on fleet grants or information on the County's fleet grant application.

If you have any questions or require further information on this matter, please contact Ellen Sandt, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-1188.

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